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THE PUNISHER 2099



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GOES TO PIECES!



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The Comic Rack

HIS FAMILY WAS MURDERED BY A PSYCHOPATH IN AN AGE WHERE JUSTICE CAN BE BOUGHT AND NO ONE BELIEVES IN OLD FASHIONED PUNISHMENT ANYMORE...NO ONE EXCEPT JAKE GALLONS...A WEAPONS SPECIALIST IN THE PUBLIC EYE POLICE FORCE BY DAY, AT NIGHT HE IS INCORRUPTIBLE JUSTICE.

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THE GATHERING STORM

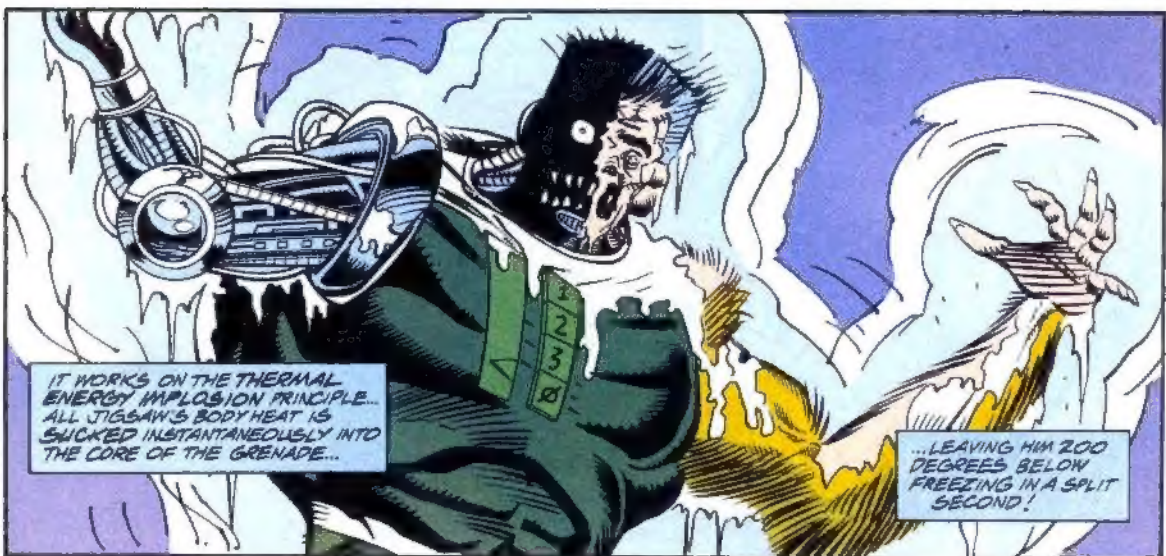
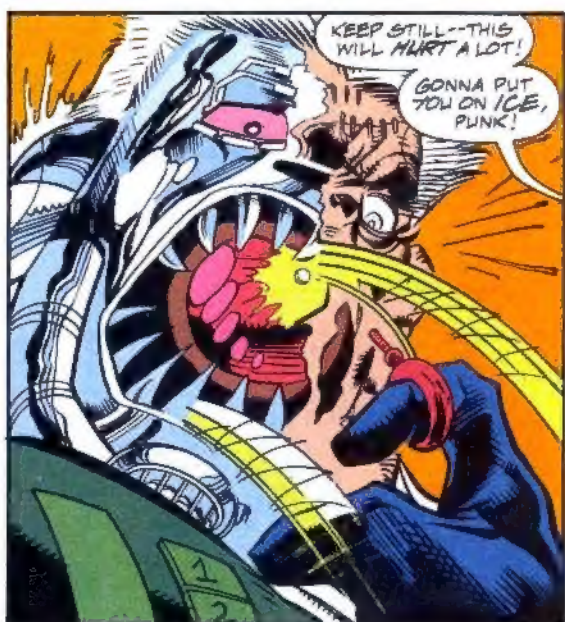



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THAT'S
CRAMPED
HIS STYLE
A LITTLE.




I'VE GOT A FEELING ALL THIS
WAS A TRAP SET FOR ME... I
LOVE THE WAY THIS HAS TURNED
OUT.

BUT I NEED
ANSWERS FROM
HIM BEFORE I
EXECUTE HIM...




HE'S BEGINNING
TO THAW OUT...

PITY. IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN GOOD TO SEE
HIM SHATTER ON
THE FLOOR.



AND I'VE GOT A
MACHINE THAT
WILL PERSUADE
EVEN JIGSAW
TO TALK.



WHERE
AM I? 5:50
COLD...

THAT'S
BECAUSE
I FROZE
YOU...

WHILE YOU'RE
THAWING OUT,
TAKE A LOOK
AROUND YOU,
PUNK.



YOU SEE... I
DON'T LIKE TO
GHOP FROZEN
MEAT!

BZZZZ

BZZZZ

YOU
ARE
SICK!



WHY D-DON'T
YOU JUST
SHOOT ME?

BECAUSE THIS DEVICE
WILL CHOP YOU UP AN
INCH A MINUTE...

I RECKON YOU'LL HAVE
TOLD ME ALL I NEED TO
KNOW BY THE TIME IT
REACHES YOUR HIPS..



YOU'LL BE
IN SO MANY
PIECES THEY'LL
NEVER STITCH
YOU TOGETHER
AGAIN,
JIGSAW!

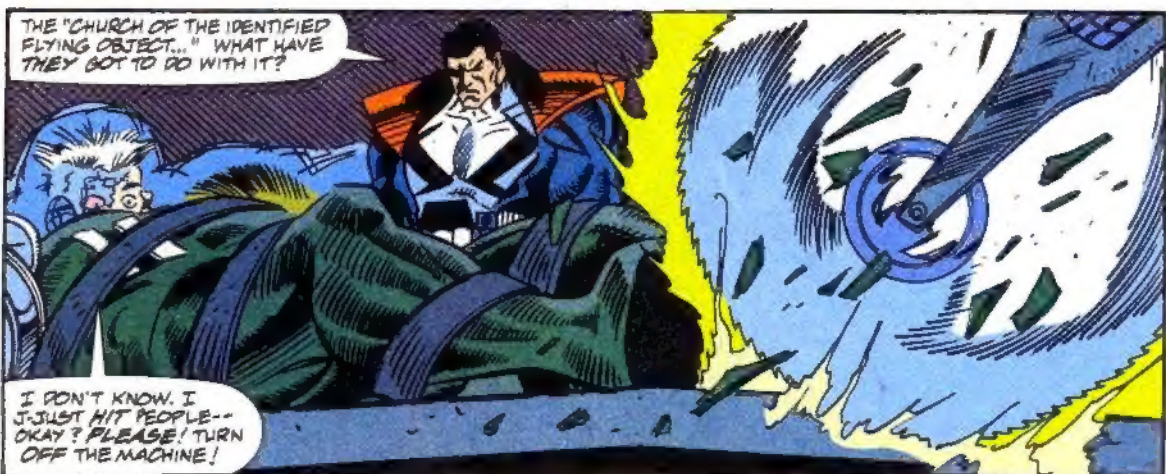
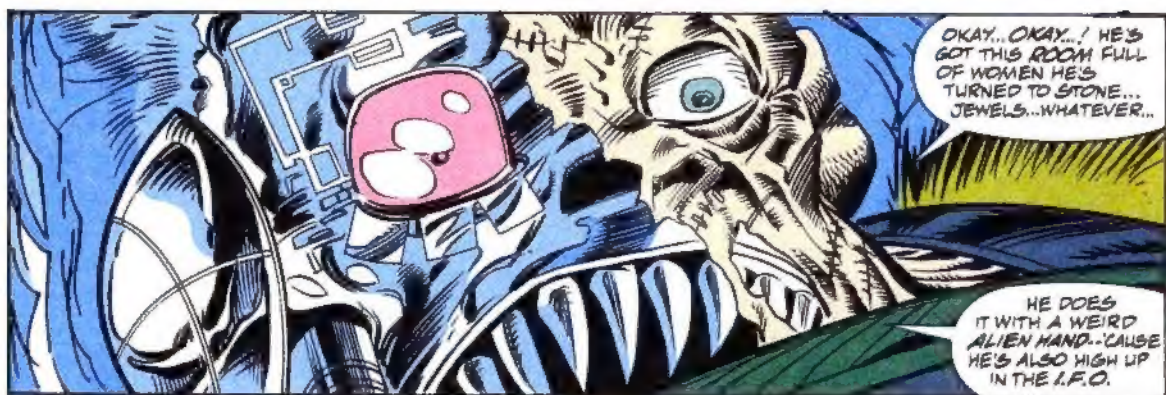


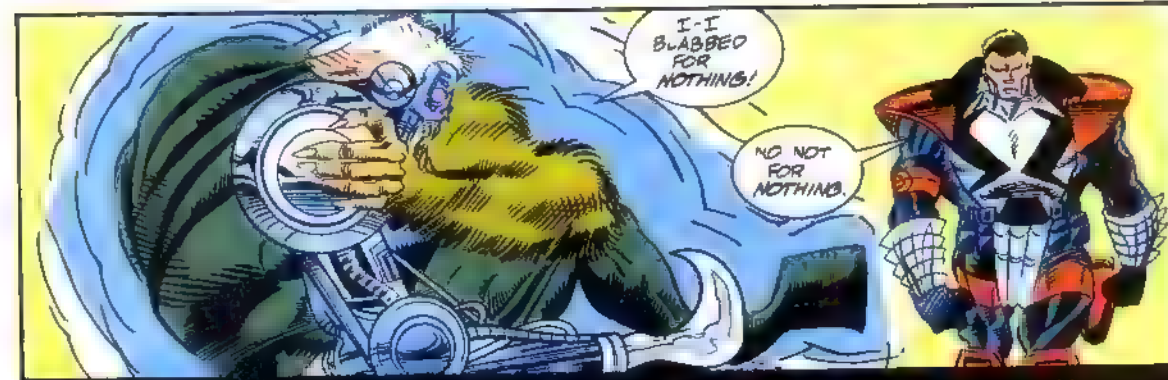
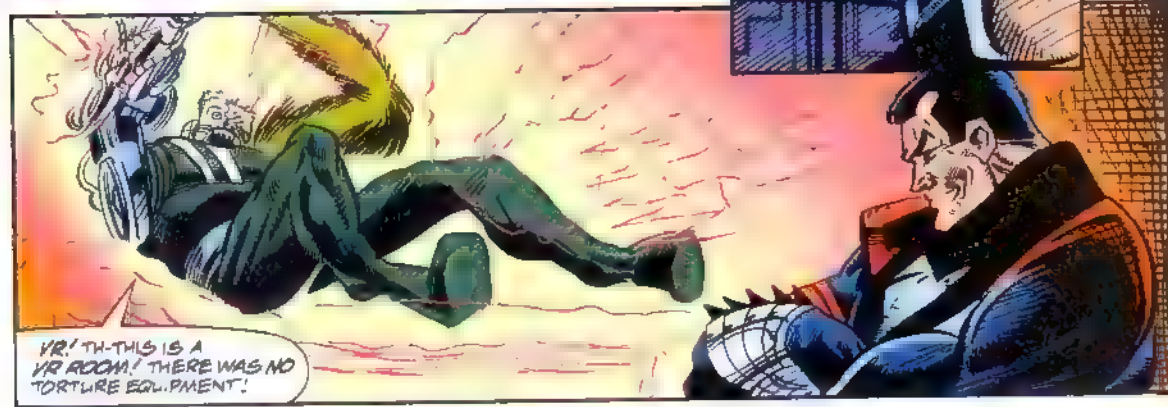
LOOK...ASK...I'LL TELL YOU ALL YOU
WANT TO KNOW... I'M NOT A HERO... I
PREFER WIPING OUT HELPLESS PEOPLE.



I LOST SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL
TO ME... A PUBLIC EYE PARA-PSYCH
NAMED KERRY.

SHE DIED IN A
PARTICULAR WAY.
TURNED TO GLASS.
TELL ME, MINCEMEAT--
KNOW ANYONE WHO
CAN KILL LIKE THAT?





HE'S STILL STIFF AND COLD. BUT THE MOLECULAR DISINTEGRATOR WILL THAW HIM OUT.

JUST A HUNDRETH OF A SECOND BEFORE IT VAPORIZES HIM.

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

TO ANOTHER MACHINE-- BUT THIS ONE'S REAL.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOU'RE A MURDERER, MULTI-FRACOR... THIS MACHINE WON'T CHOP YOU UP. BUT IT WILL KILL YOU...

YOU MUST DIE FOR YOUR CRIMES.

DOMESTIC CONTROL SYSTEMS

JAKE... THE CHIEF'S ON THE HOLD.

BLAST! I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.

OKAY, 'PUTER-- STALL HIM UNTIL I'VE CHANGED.

YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY IN HERE UNTIL I'M READY FOR YOU TO DIE IN THE CHAIR.

THE WALLS ARE TUNGSTEN-GLASS... SO FEEL FREE TO BEAT YOURSELF TO DEATH TRYING TO ESCAPE... IT WILL SAVE ON ENERGY



TH-THERE'S NO FOOD OR WATER
IN THIS CELL... HOW LONG ARE YOU
KEEPING ME IN HERE?

WELL... UNTIL
I COME BACK
AND FRY YOU...

...AND DON'T WORRY.
IF THAT'S A LONG TIME--
I DON'T MIND IF YOU DIE
OF STARVATION
INSTEAD.



AM, JAKE... THERE YOU
ARE... LOOK, I'VE GOT
AN URGENT JOB FOR
YOU... HEARD OF SKY
CITY?

I WANT YOU TO MONITOR
LIEUTENANT MCGRUBBER'S
SECURITY TEAM UP
THERE. HE'S A GOOD MAN--
BUT HE NEEDS YOUR
EXPERTISE...

I WANT SOMEONE
TO CHECK SECURITY
OVER BEFORE WE
HAND IT OVER TO THE
NEW PEOPLE

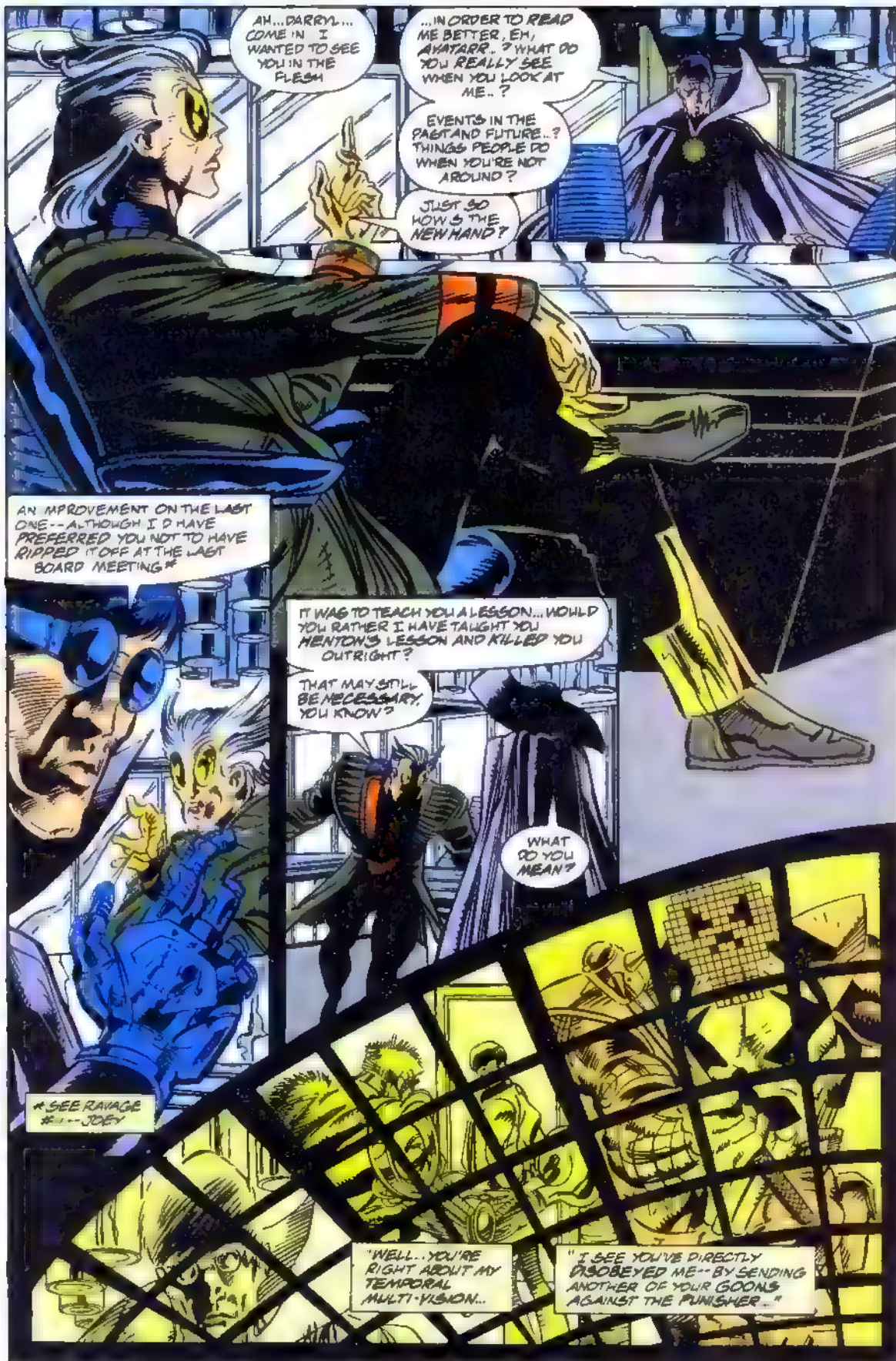
AND YOU HAVE
THE R HOME
ADDRESSES?
THE R SECRET
IDENTITIES?
I MEAN, YOU
COULD JUST
TAKE ME RIGHT
INTO THIS
'PUNISHER'S'
HOUSE JAKE.

WELL,
NO,
CHIEF
BUT...

THEN
GET OFF
TO SKY
CITY

BUT, CHIEF, I'M ON A
PUNISHER CASE...
THERE'S ALSO THIS
'HORNED MAN' RUNNING
AMOK... I'D LIKE TO
LOOK INTO THAT, TOO

YOU MEAN,
'VALHALLA'?
SURE
EVERYONE
HAS.



AH...DARRY...
COME IN I
WANTED TO SEE
YOU IN THE
FLESH

...IN ORDER TO READ
ME BETTER, EH,
AVATARR. ?WHAT DO
YOU REALLY SEE
WHEN YOU LOOK AT
ME..?

EVENTS IN THE
PAST AND FUTURE...?
THINGS PEOPLE DO
WHEN YOU'RE NOT
AROUND?

JUST SO
HOW'S THE
NEW HAND?

AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE LAST
ONE--ALTHOUGH I'D HAVE
PREFERRED YOU NOT TO HAVE
RIPPED IT OFF AT THE LAST
BOARD MEETING.*

IT WAS TO TEACH YOU A LESSON...WOULD
YOU RATHER I HAVE TAUGHT YOU
MENTON'S LESSON AND KILLED YOU
OUTRIGHT?


THAT MAY STILL
BE NECESSARY,
YOU KNOW?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

*SEE RAVAGE
#1--JOEY

"WELL...YOU'RE
RIGHT ABOUT MY
TEMPORAL
MULTI-VISION..."

"I SEE YOU'VE DIRECTLY
DISOBEYED ME--BY SENDING
ANOTHER OF YOUR GOONS
AGAINST THE PUNISHER..."



I EXPRESSLY MADE
IT CLEAR THAT THE WHOLE
PURPOSE OF VALHALLA
AND THE "NEW PEOPLE"
WAS TO ERADICATE THE
SPREADING DISEASE OF
SO-CALLED HEROES...

"THE PUNISHER...
THE HIGHTECH
VIGILANTE, HUNG
UP ON JUSTICE."

"...AND RAVAGE--WHO
I NOW SEE--HAS
TURNED INTO SOME
PRIMEVAL HORNED
BEAST."

"DOCTOR DOOM, THE
SELF-PROCLAIMED
MASTER OF THE
CYBERVERSE..."

"ALTHOUGH HE HAS
YET TO INFILTRATE
MY SYSTEM."

"THIS SPIDER-MAN...
AN ARACHNOPHILE WITH
AN ATTITUDE..."

"AND A VERITABLE VIRAL INFECTION OF 'SUPER PEOPLE' WINGING THEIR WAY FROM OUT THE PAST."

AND SUCH ICONS--AS YOU SAID AT THE MEETING--ARE GAINING IN POPULARITY WITH THE PUBL C..

...AND..WHAT WAS YOUR CONCERN?

' THAT THEY PROVIDE A POTENTIAL ROLE MODEL FOR DISOBEDIENCE--EVEN REBELLION."

WHICH BRINGS ME TO YOUR OWN DISOBEDIENCE..

AVATARR THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT.. THE PUNISHER WAS BECOMING A FOLK HERO..

I HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY AGAINST HIM

WE'LL CONFINE YOUR ENERGIES TO YOUR NEW TASK AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ECO..

BY THE WAY, DOES HENTON'S EMPTY CHAIR SUIT YOU?

THEN LEAVE THE PROBLEM OF THE PUNISHER, ET AL., TO THE NEW SUPER TEAM SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE TASK OF WIPING THEM OUT..!

I HAD TO REMOVE SOME PADDING, SIR, BUT IT FITS JUST FINE.



GODS OF VALHALLA...
SHOW ME A SIGN.

I'VE GATHERED FOUR TO THY CAUSE...
AND BEAR THE HAMMER OF THOR MYSELF... FOR THY GREATER GLORY...

...THAT A NEW GOLDEN AGE OF HERODES MAY RETURN TO THIS TROUBLED REALM

I HAVE PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOUR HANDS AND MY TRUST IN ALCHEMAX...
YET STILL I HAVE DOUBTS.

SHOW ME A SIGN OF THY BLESSING

!GASP!

DOUBTS, EH,
REVEREND?

I DON'T
LIKE DOUBTS
IN MY
EMPLOYEES.

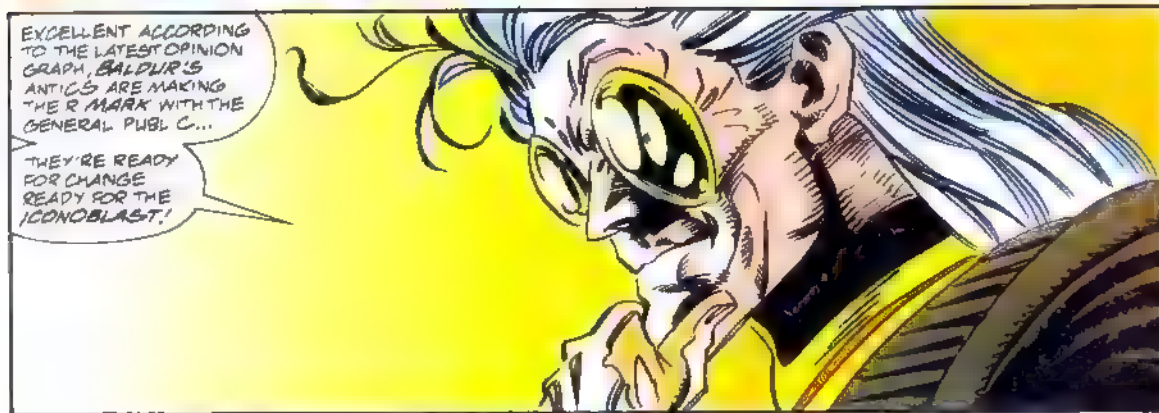
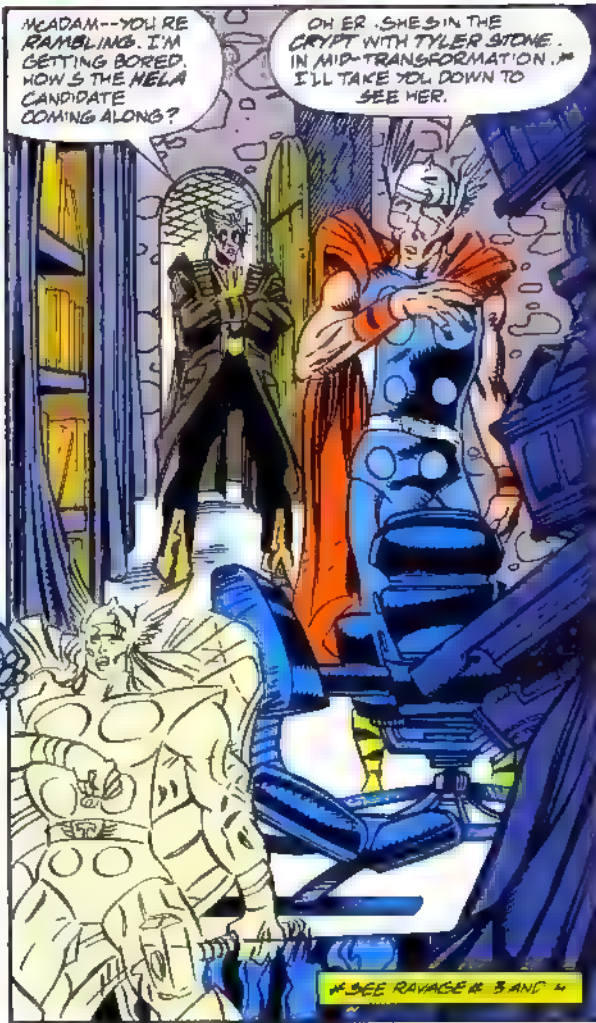
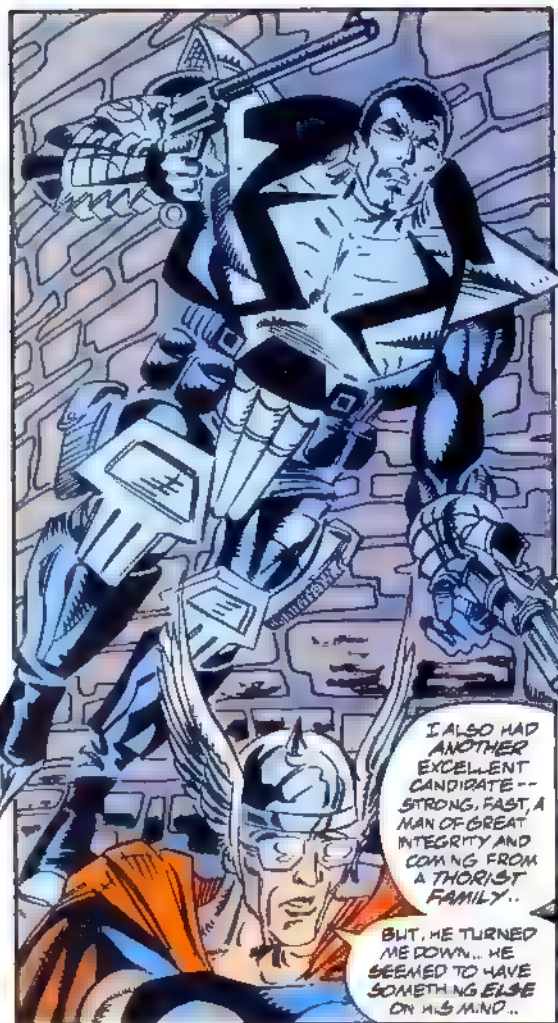
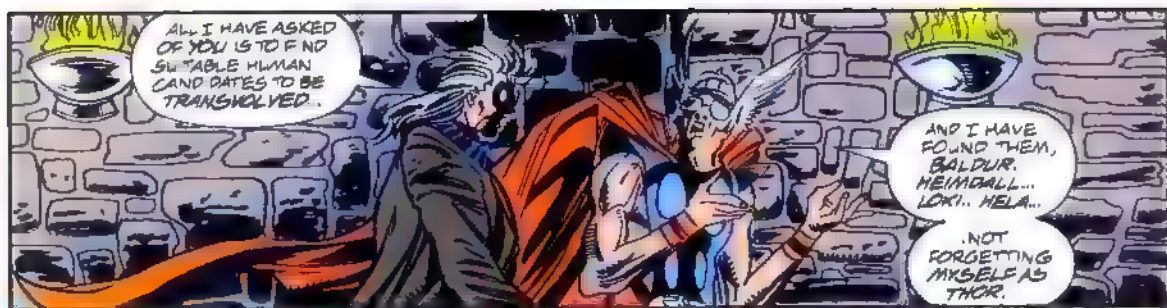
AYATARR!

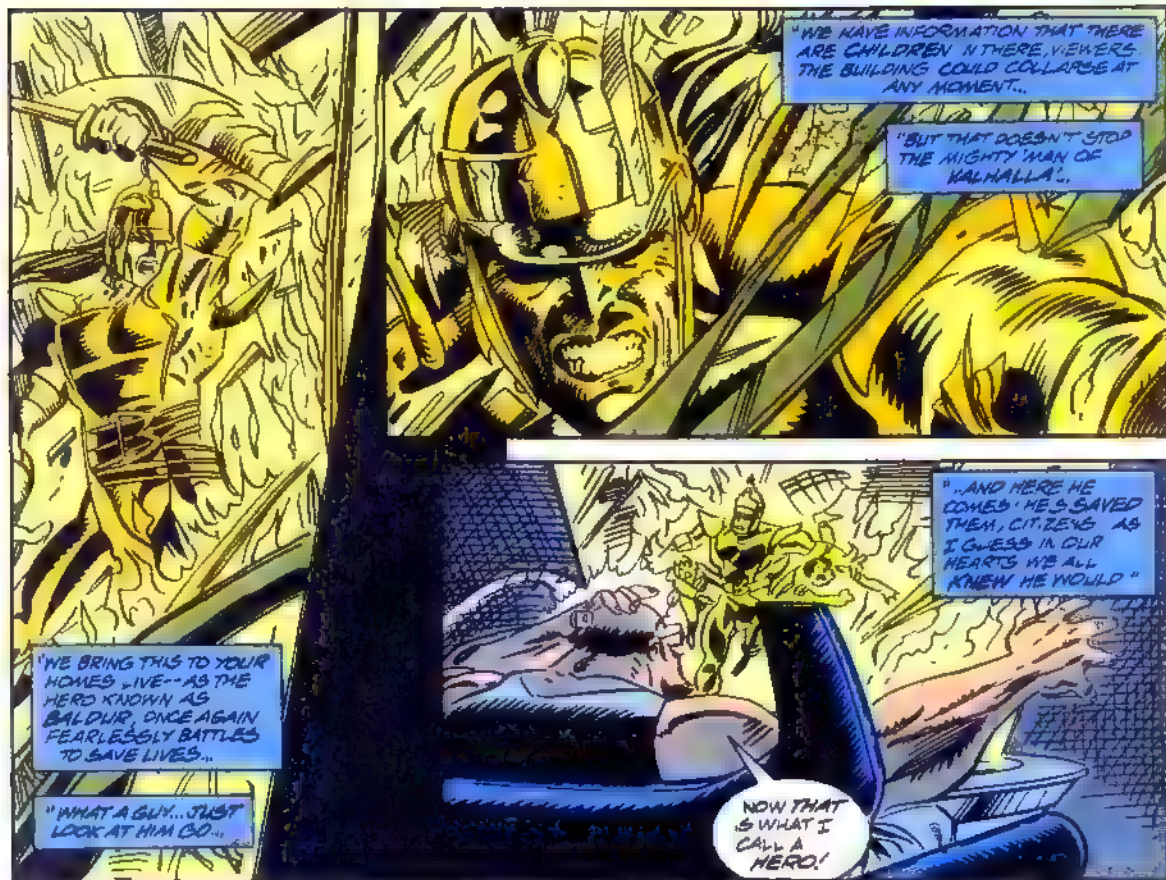
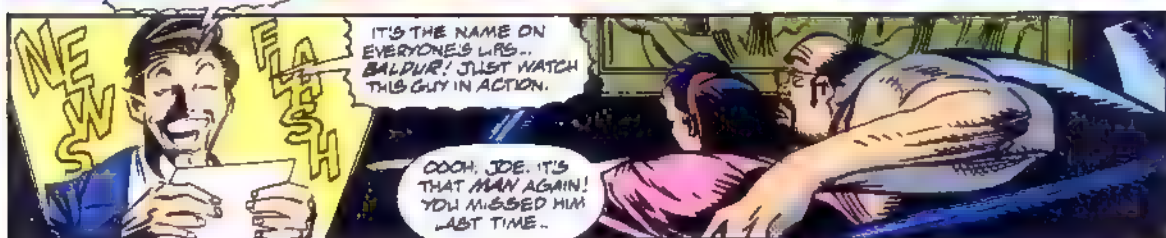
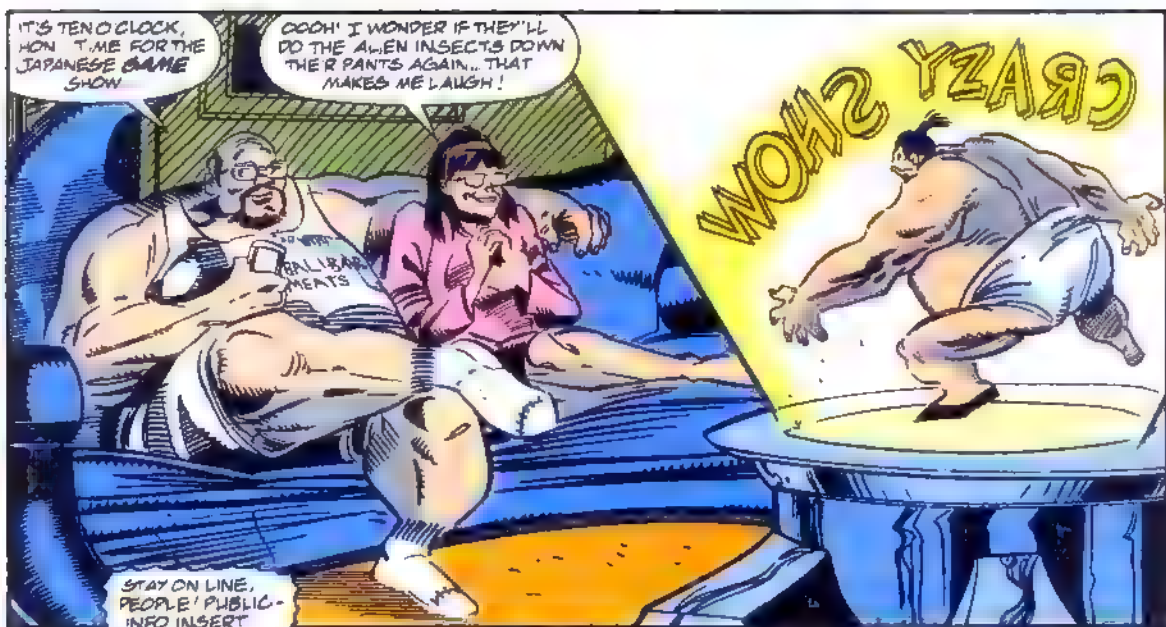
I--I WAS SIMPLY
OVERWHELMED BY THE
VASTNESS OF THE
TASK BEFORE ME... I
MEAN US...

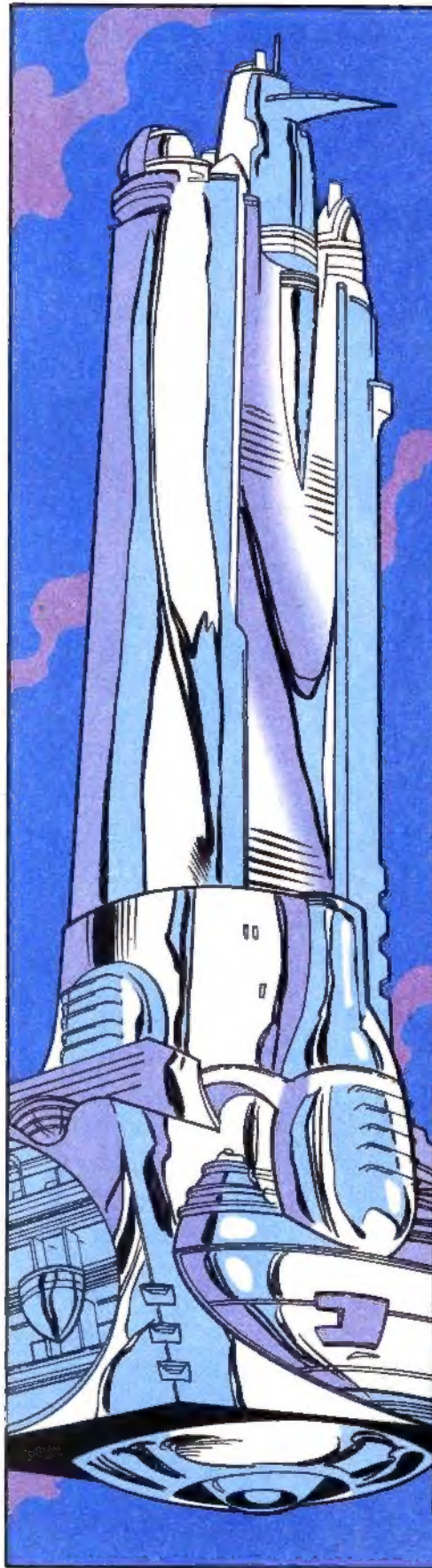
VAST? YOU
FLATTER YOURSELF,
MCADAM. YOUR PART
OF THE PROJECT IS
HARDLY VAST.

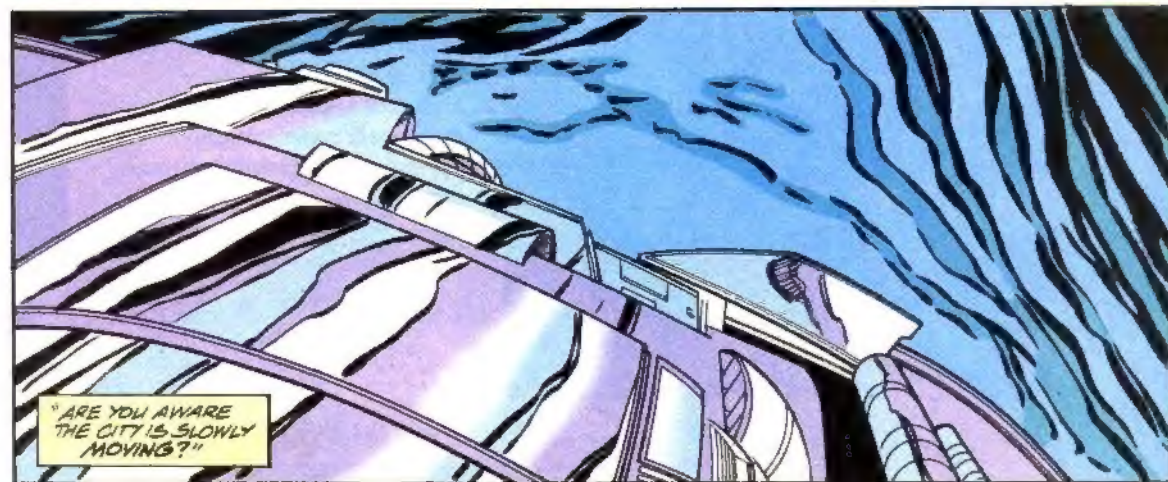
THE
CONSTRUCTION
OF VALHALLA--
NOW THAT WAS
VAST.

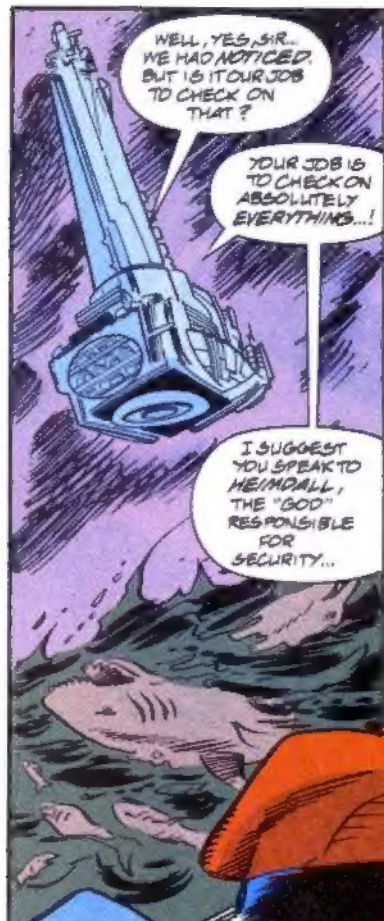
AND ONLY
A SMALL STEP
IN MY OVERALL
PLAN..











WELL, YES, SIR... WE HAD NOTICED, BUT IS IT OUR JOB TO CHECK ON THAT?

YOUR JOB IS TO CHECK ON ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING...!

I SUGGEST YOU SPEAK TO HEIMDALL, THE "GOD" RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY...



I'LL MEET YOU IN THE SECURITY COMPLEX AFTER I'VE CHECKED ON THE LIFTERS.

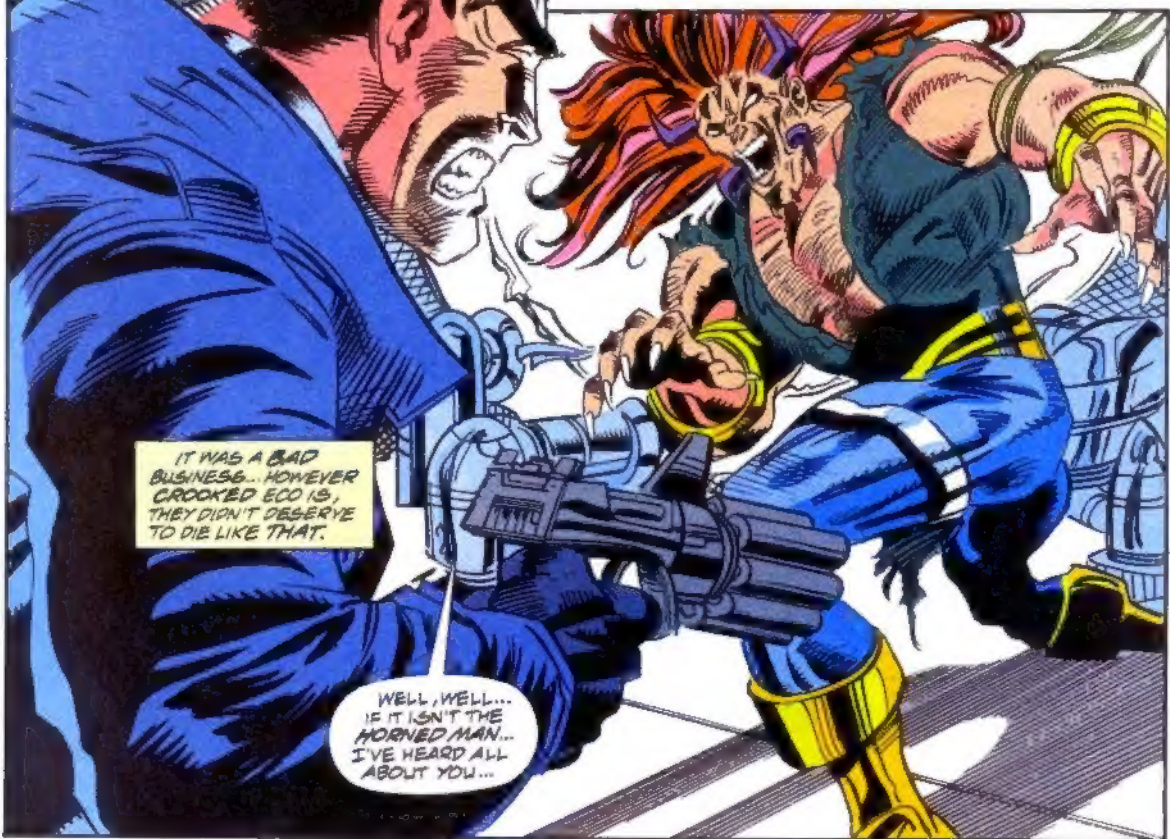


WHAT? IT'S ALREADY OPEN. SECURITY TEAM NEEDS A CHEWING OUT ABOUT THIS.



WHAT THE SHOCK--? IT'S THAT BEAST CREATURE...! THE ONE WHO KILLED THOSE ECO CORSA...

*SEE RAVAGE #10



IT WAS A BAD BUSINESS... HOWEVER CROOKED ECO IS, THEY DIDN'T DESERVE TO DIE LIKE THAT.

WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T THE HORNED MAN... I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU...

I DON'T
TAKE KINDLY TO
SERIAL KILLERS
WHO MURDER
COPS...

...YOU NEED
TO BE
PUNISHED!



THE SHOWDOWNS IN
RAVAGE 2099 #14!

THEN, JOIN US NEXT
MONTH FOR
"THE HARD SKY!"